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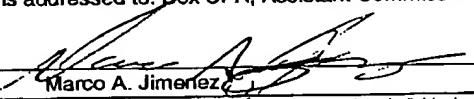
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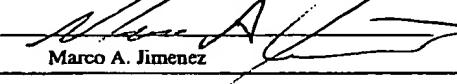
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In the application of:

Zhengyu YUAN and Zhong-Xiao CHEN

Serial No.: 09/248,158

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For: DIRECT ADSORPTION
SCINTILLATION ASSAY FOR
MEASURING ENZYME ACTIVITY
AND ASSAYING BIOCHEMICAL
PROCESSES

Examiner: Maurie Garcia, Ph.D.

Group Art Unit: 1627

Dear Sir:

A telephone interview between Examiner Maurie E. Garcia, Ph.D., and the undersigned agent of record was held on Tuesday, October 9, 2001. The following summary is provided in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.2 and MPEP §713.04.

No exhibits were shown, nor were any demonstrations conducted. An informal proposed amendment was submitted.

The claims discussed were all pending claims (1, 3-10, 19).

The specific prior art discussed was Schlenoff (U.S. Patent No. 5,466,930) and Kasila et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,972,575).

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A proposed amendment to claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of claim 4 was discussed.

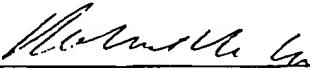
The general thrust of the argument presented by the undersigned agent of record was that the proposed amendment to claim 1 would overcome rejections based on the prior art of record. The Examiner indicated that this new limitation would require further consideration which was not available due to the After-Final status of the application.

Agreement regarding the claims was not reached, as the issues require further consideration.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to review this Interview Summary for accuracy according to MPEP §713.04 and to enter this Summary in the file.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: October 25, 2001

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